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Shall it be Merged With The Court of Common Pleas? — Some Questions of Economy That Should Be Considered — Juvenile Court and Mothers Pensions.

The question of the combination of the Probate Court and the Court of Common Pleas in Fulton County has been raised by some of the citizens and if there are enough of them interested in the matter to carry a petition to the Judge of the Common Pleas Court, that official may order the question before the electors of the county at the next general election, November 7th; in that case the answer to the question will rest with the voters of the county.

This is a question which directly or indirectly interests every citizen in the county and one which should receive the careful attention and consideration of every public spirited person; for this reason we are placing before our readers some points which are not generally taken into consideration.

The principal reason for making this consolidation of the two courts is that of economy; the idea is that if the work of the probate Judge is transferred to the Common Pleas Court the salary of the probate Judge will be saved to the county and the Judge of the Common Pleas Court can attend to the duties of both courts.

Aside from the regular duties of the probate court, the probating, recording and other work incidental to wills, the supervision of estates, hearing of accounts relative to same, the appointment of administrators, guardians and etc.; the issuing of marriage certificates and keeping records thereof, all duties which are quite apt to be very arduous and not very pleasant, and many other duties not here enumerated, there have been added to the work of this court, from time to time during recent years, the Juvenile Court and the supervision of Mothers Pensions. With these additional duties the Probate Court became heavily burdened beyond the capacity of the Judge and deputy, but they kept up the work until within the last year the Juvenile Court work and the Mothers Pensions were transferred to the Court of Common Pleas, and still the Probate Court has all that it can attend to and both the Judge and deputy are kept constantly busy. While the Court of Common Pleas is overloaded at the present time, the merging of these two courts, we are informed by parties who have carefully looked into the matter, would make a direct saving of \$800.00 per year for the county. This is the maximum amount for the extra clerical help, but it does not take into consideration the money saving and facility with which it would be possible to perform the work in this combination court or the character of the services which it will be possible for this court to render to the public.

The Probate cases proper are of such a nature that they require considerable time, no man can render the best service to the public as a Judge of probate who does not take the time to go into the circumstances and conditions of each case; in order to do this he must listen to the various people interested hear their versions of the matters at issue, learn the var-

ious sides. To do this takes time but it is time that must be spent if the Judge is to be fair, equitable and just in his decrees and orders and certain, by that is what that portion of the public who have business in the Probate Court want. Next consider the work of the juvenile court and Mothers Pensions; it will be manifest that this last matter will take time for careful investigation and consideration in order that the Mother's Pension Fund shall be wisely handled and the money so distributed that it shall do the maximum amount of good and that none who are in need, whom this fund might help, shall be neglected; while in the Juvenile Court, there has no precedent to follow, there are no definite rules of action laid down for the guidance of the Judge in dealing with dependent or delinquent children; each case presents a different question or combination of questions to be dealt with, much, in fact all in regard to the child is left to the discretion of the court, which most instances must take the best sense to the public cannot be given unless the Judge of this court has ample time for careful investigation and consideration.

In the court of Common Pleas under the present arrangement which gives Fulton county a resident Judge there has been a marked improvement in the promptness with which cases in this court have been disposed of and the present Judge has been busy all the time. There are many cases that are coming up continually, which for one cause or another the resident Judge may not legally act upon; this makes necessary the calling in of a Judge from another county to sit in the case. But the resident Judge in such cases must give his services in exchange and consequently must be free to go when he is called to go and sit in the place of some other Judge.

There might be added to the foregoing further details of the work of the Probate Court, but it is the element of time enters in to the question and to show that it would be a physical impossibility for one Judge to give the best service or even to give fairly adequate attention to each of the several departments which would be included in the combined courts.

The question then arises: Is it good economy to save \$800 per year at the cost of the necessarily limited and lessened efficiency in service to the public, which the courts are established to serve?

We are raising this question not because we have any personal motive in the matter; we are not going to expect to be a candidate for public office in Fulton county, nor do we hold a brief for any one who is.

This seems to us a question which touches the common good and from our point of view it would be a mistake to merge the two courts and poor policy even to agitate the matter of bringing the question before the electors in November.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to our many friends for the kindness and sympathy shown us during the illness and at the death of our loved one.

MRS. HARRY JAMESON.

MR. AND MRS. E. E. DECKER.

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EDUCATIONAL NOTES

County Board Organized — Governor

Willis too Speak at County May Day

School Festival — County's Champion Speller to Receive Everyman's Encyclopedia of Twelve Volumes.

The Fulton County Board of Education re-organized last Saturday by electing Dr. J. F. Outcalt President, and Mr. W. B. McClarren, Vice President.

The boys and girls of the county mean to make the Fulton County Fair which is to be held the week of September 4th, the best in its history, educationally speaking.

Governor Willis has just notified the committee in charge, definitely that he will speak at our big County May Day School Festival to be held at the County Fair Grounds May 13th. Full announcements of the event will be made in due time.

A set of Everyman's Encyclopedia, twelve volumes, is to be given to the champion speller of Fulton county at the county contest held May 10th at Wauseon. N. E. Waggoner, N. E. Waggoner's New Standard Dictionary to the pupil from the Fifth District who makes the best showing at the State Contest at Columbus June 2nd.

April 7th is Arbor Day for the schools. One school visited by the County Superintendent a few days ago had made a good beginning by cutting down an undesirable tree on the school ground, cutting it into wood, splitting it and piling it in the wood shed.

An effort is being made by the teachers of the county to make Arbor Day mean much to the boys and girls in the way of an added love and appreciation for the birds and for nature in general round about them.

The boys and girls' club specialist from the State University will be in our county the week of April 10 to 14 to help in organizing the work here and to give the proper instruction to the boys and girls in the various home activities that are to be carried on in connection with the stock judging contest at the County Fair next fall.

May schools have their corn testers made and are ready to make the tests of seed corn for the people of their community. Men who know, say that this will be one of the most trying seasons in years to get good seed corn. The boys and girls can be of great service in this particular, if the farmers will only take up the matter with them. Get in your request soon, so your school can plan to have your seed tested for you in good time. The boys will have an added interest in the field of corn the seed for which he has tested.

The seventh and eighth grade examination will be held April 17th and 18th. The questions will be sent out from the County Superintendent's office.

The next teachers' examination will be held April 1st. At the last examination two three-year, seven one-year and two temporary certificates were granted and one year's renewal was made. All teachers who are planning to finish the examination April 1st, should be sure and have their practice teaching test by that time.

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

When Napoleon Had Conquered Prussia, He Failed to Keep Her Down

The First of a Series of Articles Written Specially For The Tribune By Earl M. Wood

Those who are now laying the cause of the war to Germany's desire to control Europe might be referred to the pages of history where little more than one hundred years ago, Napoleon Bonaparte, ruler of France declared war on Prussia and the French troops poured into that German state to satisfy the ambitions of their emperor.

The King of Saxony made haste to come to the aid of King William and Queen Louise of Prussia, and the allied Prussian and Saxon armies met Napoleon's new Kingdom of Westphalia. In addition to these grinding terms, the French Emperor ordered that Prussia should maintain only a very small standing army, and he imposed a staggering fine on the conquered country and ordered that Berlin and all other great Prussian fortresses should remain in pawn, occupied by French troops until the fine was paid.

Queen Louise came to beg that the emperor spare the Province of Magdeburg to the weakened nation. But Napoleon skillfully evaded all her entreaties, remarking that "the province of Magdeburg is worth a dozen Kingdoms of Prussia" and when he told King William, "I do not mean for Prussia ever again to be a European power," she lost all hope. When the queen went to Memel for the winter she went in poverty. Her servants were dismissed and everything that she had of value was sold for the fall. The cause of Prussia. She even sold her jewelry, but she kept her pearls, "for," she said, "pearls mean tears, and I have shed so many of them."

In the spring, when the Prussians had raised the ransom of their capital and the royal Hohenzollern family returned to Berlin, the Queen returned broken in spirit and in health; and her physician tells us that there were white roses in her cheeks where once there were red. Her flight from the emperor of the French in the old winter weather of that part of Germany, had undermined her health. She had been suffering with typhoid fever and it had left her frail and weak. In the thirty-fifth year of her life, she died, and she sleeps now at Charlottenburg, a suburb of Berlin, where a white Carrara marble statue marks her grave; but just sixty years to a day from her death, her son, King of Prussia, started on his avenging march on Paris, later at Versailles.

If a united Germany has arisen from years of war and blood so strong as to be able to keep all Europe in arms at bay, we should remember that there were dark days for Prussia one hundred years ago, when treaties were as much scraps of paper as they are today, and when the now Imperial German Empire was divided against itself.

For the desertion of the Prussian alliance, Russia received a small strip of land from her former ally, and a promise to let her take Finland from the Swedes. Alexander wanted Constantinople, but this Napoleon would not grant; for he said, "Whoever holds Constantinople rules the world." Saxony came in for her share of the honors when a slice of Prussian territory was handed over to her in the shape of the Grand Duchy of Warsaw, and Napoleon took away more Prussian land when he added it to Jerome Bonaparte's new Kingdom of Westphalia.

The armies of the Allies and of France clashed at Friedland, and the Muscovites and Tatars were compelled to withdraw and leave the field to the victorious French. At once, the defeated rulers hoisted the white flag, in spite of the entreaties of the Queen. "For God's Sake, no shameful peace," and Alexander became the staunch friend and ally of Napoleon. The terms of peace were arranged between the emperor and the czar with the king as a mere look-oner. Napoleon and Alexander met on a raft at Tilsit in the middle of the River Niemen, so to be sure to be on neutral territory, and there in the sight of two armies, the emperor of the west and the emperor of the east divided up the earth between them at the expense of fallen Prussia and a few other weakened countries of the continent.

\$26.16 FOR PLAY GROUND.

From the net proceeds received at the Benefit Entertainment given under the direction of Miss Bess Wilson and Mrs. Neville Stewart, at the Princess theatre, Thursday night, forty per cent. was allowed, by the Princess management, for the children's play ground, amounting to twenty-six dollars and ten cents which has been turned over to Supt. Altstetter.

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LOYAL GIRLS ELECT OFFICERS

The Loyal Girls met at Lucille Hatt's home March 17, 1916, for their class meeting. Officers were elected as follows: Louise Grieser, President; Ruth Hill, Vice President; Ruth Haddley, Secretary and Freda Bourquin, Treasurer; Miss Tyner, Teacher. They all were royally entertained and all enjoyed the meeting.

RUTH HARDESTY, Secy.

MILK CHECKS

\$30,858.52 Paid Into the Hands of Fulton County Farmers for March Milk—Checks Amounting to \$50.00 or More.

Burr Bros.	66.82
Burkholder & Rex	64.89
Cass Galbraith	109.30
H. J. Gelzer & Son	140.73
Amos Gray	155.77
A. Williams	55.08
E. Kinerim	101.70
J. Leitner	59.26
E. Funk	86.84
L. Gottschalk	83.43
Dave Dittio	59.47
F. Aeschliman	51.14
J. K. Krauss	57.47
G. F. Meyers	85.93
Wm. Beaverson	105.98
Chas. Siegel	135.21
Christ. Rupp	59.53
J. D. Snyder	81.10
J. C. Miller	112.65
John Weber	52.31
Philipp Weber	70.68
N. N. Burkholder	76.90
Adam Mull	145.96
Ligibel & Fauver	71.73
Clark Robinson	73.39
Taber & Schrock	59.53
Aaron Beck	108.86
C. H. Murphy	67.41
E. B. Perkins	82.62
H. L. Whitman & J. Speis	105.07
J. S. Hoare	58.50
Frank Whitesell	58.99
T. L. Aumend	113.53
Cole & Spless	113.43
Taber & Schrock	59.53
H. Bonnell	72.44
E. W. Bloomer	58.33
Henry Holman	91.47
H. Bokerman	148.40
August Miller	84.19
W. Holers	50.11
H. Eberly	115.27
R. E. Edgar	125.28
A. H. Fricht	89.76
Car	58.84
A. Kiesel	51.07
H. H. Leist	54.85
A. Bonar	56.62
Geo. Steiner	115.27
Geo. Biggins & Moses Hulvey	59.07
O. B. Ernst	50.49
A. Clymer	74.43
U. G. Bonnell & Wm. Reichardt	80.56
A. Gottschalk	73.39
Chas. Bollman	67.31
H. P. Norden	98.18
E. H. Huffman	111.16
W. A. Taylor	114.96
W. Badenhop	54.54
C. E. Rice	65.20
John Steffens	103.28
C. Zimmerman	82.01
J. E. Nofzinger	90.76
M. McCance	50.52
S. E. Shant	60.08
A. A. Masales	91.24
G. G. Zimmerman	84.69
Crisler & Egnow	185.04
Monroe Pfund	80.01
Fred Bannister	107.62
N. A. Aeschliman	75.76
C. Hana	102.69
Wm. Keough	52.07
Wm. Stadelman	51.89
Wm. Frazier	89.10
Tompkins & Darby	122.20
Jesse Bernath	116.12
W. E. Borden	80.59
F. Tompkins	114.75
Wentz & Fieldmeyer	76.11
C. M. Spring & Son	143.87
S. W. Bailey	62.06

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PRESTIGE

When a check is received bearing the name, "First National Bank", it carries with it prestige and the recipient knows the maker of the check has sound banking connections.

In offering the services of this bank, we are placing at your disposal banking relations that must reflect to your advantage in all your business dealings, which is prestige.

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BOY SCOUT NOTES

John Outcalt his first examination at the last Scout meeting, and passed with a splendid grade. ?

The regular meeting will be held at the Scout room next Monday evening at 7:30. All boys who wish to take examinations will report at seven o'clock.

Harold Sweeny, Ralph Farley and Phil Spade are great scouts to serve lunches, so all the scouts say who were in attendance at the last meeting. Genuine scout cooks.

Lowell Harper, Richard McClarren and Richard Outcalt took the Tenderfoot examination at the regular meeting and were successful. They will tie the knots at the next meeting.

Earnest Baer is taking his second class examination, and is doing good work.

Donald Porter is ready for his second class badge, having completed all the work required in a satisfactory manner.

Any lad twelve years or over, with the consent of their parents are eligible to join the Scouts. Better have your boy in this excellent organization.

FULTON COUNTY POLITICS.

Politics in Fulton county is assuming a definiteness.

In the Democratic ranks these candidates for delegates to the state Democratic convention will no doubt prove popular: M. L. Altstetter, Superintendent of the Wauseon schools; W. J. Clark, Superintendent of the Fayette schools; F. W. Leu, Wauseon, formerly assistant state printer of Ohio and W. O. Stoltz, successful farmer of near Fayette.

The delegates endorsed by the Democrat County Central Committee are: H. D. Meister, Editor of the Democrat Expositor; J. G. Stris, a prosperous farmer of Yoe township and H. L. Goll, Secretary of the State Board of Agricultural Instruction, of Swanton; W. O. Stoltz also has the endorsement of the committee.

With the Republicans there are: E. L. Downer, Archbold; E. A. Murbach of Archbold; B. F. Gasche of near Wauseon; C. E. Wager, Wauseon; F. J. Curtis, Swanton and A. T. McComb of Fayette.

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

The pressure distribution is such as to indicate that the coming week will be marked by a general reaction to normal temperature east of Mississippi Valley. In the Mississippi Valley and all districts west thereof temperatures above the seasonal average may be expected. The next disturbance to cross the country will form west of the Rocky Mountains Sunday, pass the Plains States Monday, and the great central valleys Monday or Tuesday.

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Because our AMERICAN DESIGNERS have been given full and complete freedom in the construction which gives every woman an opportunity to assert her own individuality and select garments best suited to her particular type. It is really necessary for you to see these handsome garments to fully appreciate their wonderful Style, FIT, value, QUALITIES and TRUTH of these "Printed Words."

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Spring Millinery Fashions

To Meet the Expression of Easter Our Ideal Millinery

The predominating characteristic of the Ladies and Misses Millinery at this time is the pronounced height of the small hat and the extensive use of ribbon; The colors are either brilliant or subdued. Further the shapes while not strictly extreme are nevertheless unusual and attractive the same applies also to our prices. As to the Quality we have the Popular Kind (the conservation or Liberal Kind) which means Popular Prices.

Most Wonderfully Beautiful Room Size Rugs For Spring

In our LARGE COLLECTION of RUGS ranging in size from 6-3X9, 9X12 to 11-3X15 there is not a pattern in the whole lot but what was most carefully selected thus assuring you attractiveness so as to make your selections comparatively easy. Should you be in the need of Rugs this Spring, you will be pleased and satisfied in every detail by visiting our store.

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We have a new and large assortment for Spring; the most popular for the present are the Marquessette by the pair or by the yard.
By the pair\$1.00 to \$4.00
Fancy hem or lace trimmed
By the yd.15c to 50c
plain hem or fancy border

QUALITY BEFORE PRICE

Spring Dress Material
A most complete line of Spring Fabrics which likewise depict the most desirable weaves for the new Spring frocks.
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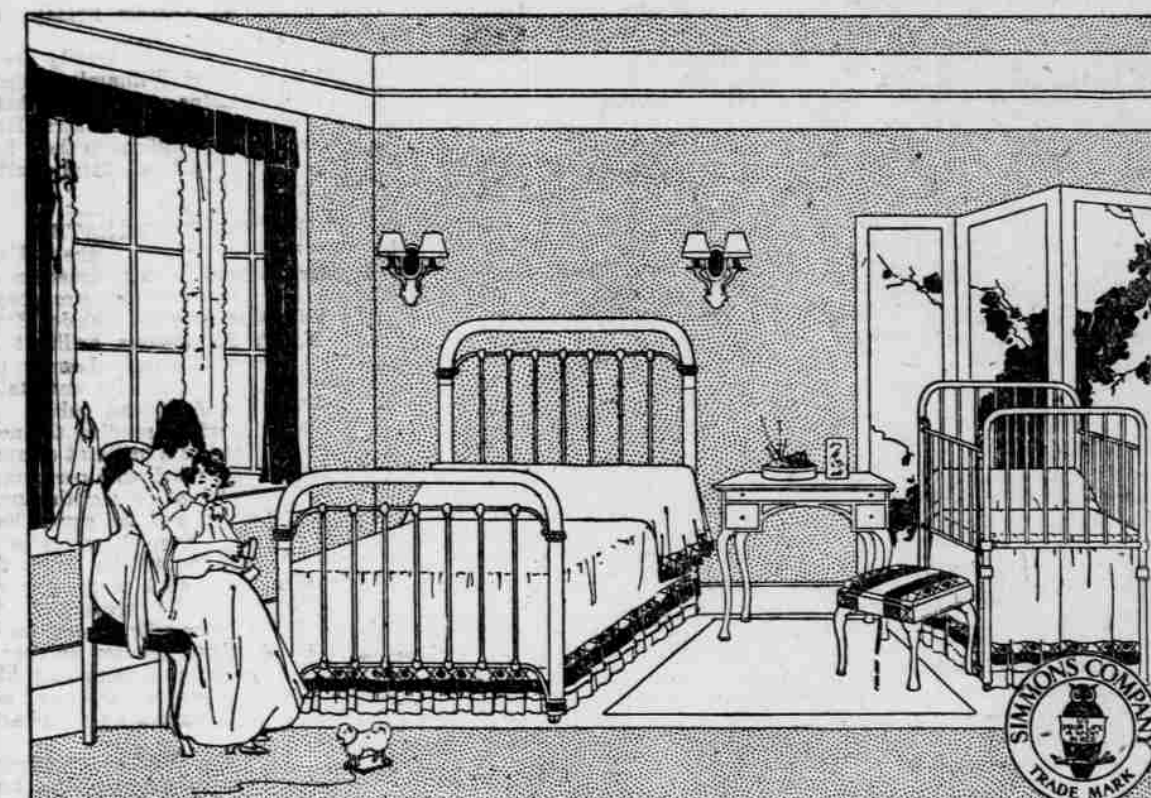
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